I. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A construction member for a roof truss, said construction member comprising:

a longitudinal body having at least a base and two upright side walls, wherein each of said upright side walls extends longitudinally beyond said base to thereby form opposed flange portions at longitudinal ends thereof, said opposed flange portions including opposed and co-axially aligned, internally pressed circular sections, said internally pressed circular sections having a first radial center; [[and]] wherein each of said flange portions extends beyond said base in a substantially semicircular arrangement having a second radial center ~~, whereby said second radial center of each of said semicircular flanges further defines said first radial of said internally pressed circular section associated therewith~~; and

at least one receival portion along its length, said at least one receival portion having said opposed and co-axially aligned, internally pressed circular sections associated with said upright side walls, said side wall internally pressed circular sections being configured to receive and rotatably engage said internally pressed sections of said opposed flange portions of a further construction member;

wherein said internally pressed circular sections of said opposed flange portions are correspondingly shaped with said internally pressed sections of said receival portion, such that when opposed flange portions of a first construction member engage with those of the receival portion of a second construction member, said first construction member is rotatable by way of engagement of corresponding internally pressed circular sections.

Claims 2-4. (Canceled)

Claim 5. (Currently amended) The construction member of claim [[4]] 1, wherein each of said internally pressed sections further includes a central aperture, whereby when opposed flange portions of said first construction member engage with those of said receival portion of said second construction member, said apertures of each internally pressed sections become co-axially aligned.

Claim 6. (Currently amended) The construction member of claim [[4]] 1, wherein said first and second construction members are further lockable at a predetermined angle with respect to one another.

Claim 7. (Previously presented) The construction member of claim 6, wherein said first and second construction members are lockable at a predetermined angle with respect to one another using a bolt adapted to extend through co-axially aligned apertures of said internally pressed sections.

Claim 8. (Previously presented) The construction member of claim 7, wherein each of said opposed flange portions of at least said first construction member includes a ferrule positioned transversely therebetween, said ferrule being configured to prevent internal deflection of said flange portions when said bolt is tightened.

Claim 9. (Previously presented) The construction member of claim 8, wherein said ferrule is cylindrical and is of a diameter slightly greater than that of said internally pressed sections of opposed flange portions.

Claim 10. (Previously presented) The construction member of claim 1, wherein at least a longitudinal portion of said construction member further includes two upper edges extending inwards from said upright side walls to thereby form a longitudinal channel therebetween.

Claim 11. (Previously presented) The construction member of claim 10, wherein said upper edges of said construction member are splayed above and adjacent said at least one receival portion, to thereby allow for the opposed flange portions of a further construction member to be received therethrough.

Claim 12. (Previously presented) The construction member of claim 11, wherein when a first construction member is received within said receival portion of a second construction member, and a compressive force is applied to said upright side walls of said receival portion, said splayed upper edges of said second construction member bite into said upright side walls of said first construction member and thereby provide a secondary locking means.

Claim 13. (Previously presented) The construction member of claim 11, wherein said splayed upper edges extend substantially upwardly and outwardly and then inwardly from said upright side walls.

Claim 14. (Previously presented) The construction member of claim 10, wherein said construction member does not include upper edges above and adjacent said at least one receival portion, to thereby allow for the opposed flange portions of a further construction member to be received therethough.

Claim 15. (Previously presented) The construction member of claim 1, wherein said base includes a longitudinal indent.

Claims 16-34. (Canceled)